GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:176
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Supply of Domestic Gas to All
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the rise in price of gas being used for domestic purposes during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
(b) whether the Government has taken note of the difficulties being faced by domestic consumers due to hike in the price of natural gas;
(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to reduce the price of natural gas to make it affordable for the consumers; and
(d) the concrete steps taken / being taken to introduce new scheme for supply of gas cylinders including portable to all families especially in rural and remote areas and encourage the use of natural gas for domestic purpose; and
(e) whether the natural gas producing companies are making losses during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, PSU and company-wise along with the reasons therefor and the steps taken / being taken by the Government to increase their profitability?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the house.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 176 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2016 REGARDING. SUPPLY OF DOMESTIC GAS TO ALL
a) The domestic natural gas price notified by the Petroeum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) as per the New Domestic Natural Gas Pricing Guidelines, 2014 along with its applicability period is provided in the below mentioned table:

Period	Price in US$/MMBTU (GCV basis)
November, 2014 to March, 2015	5.05
April, 2015 to September, 2015	4.66
October, 2015 to March, 2016	3.82
April, 2016 to September, 2016	3.06
October, 2016 to March, 2017	2.50

US$ 4.2/MMBTU on NCV (US$ 3.80/MMBTU on GCV) basis was the price of domestic natural gas before the notification of new price by PPAC in November, 2014 as per the New Domestic Natural Gas Pricing Guidelines, 2014. This price was applicable from June, 2010.
(b) & (c) The table above indicates a consistent reduction of the price of natural gas since the notification of New Domestic Gas Pricing Guidelines, 2014.
(d) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) has been rolled out with an objective to provide clean cooking fuel solution to poor households across the country. Under PMUY, 5 crore LPG connections to women belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families identified through Socio-Economic Castes Census (SECC) are to be released over a period of three years starting from the Financial Year (FY) 2016-17. As on 22.11.2016, out of nearly 1.10 crore connections released under PMUY, approximately 85% of the beneficiaries are from rural and remote areas.
Government is encouraging the use of Natural Gas for domestic purpose by making it available for supply to households in the form of Piped Natual Gas (PNG) and transport segment in the form of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) across the country at uniform basis to all City Gas Distribution (CGD) networks.
(e) The production costs of companies vary from field to field depending upon the area, logistics, complexity, onland or offshore etc. ONGC and OIL have not incurred any losses. They have posted profits in their accounts for last several years. Profit after Tax of OIL and ONGC are 2330.11 crore and 16003.6 crore respectively for 2015-16. The profit earned during the last three years are as follows:
(Rs.crore)
Year

2013-14
2014-15
2015-16
ONGC
22095
17733
16004
OIL
2981
2510
2330
Regarding the private companies, as per audited accounts submitted by them, they have reported earning of profit petroleum as per respective PSC applicable to the block/field
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